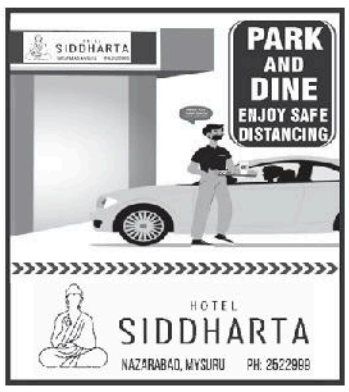

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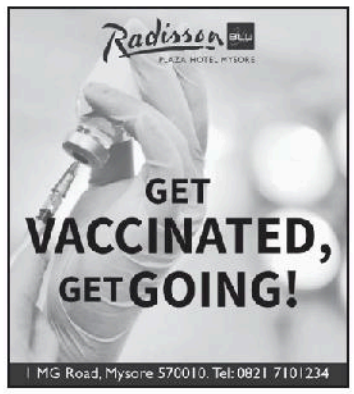
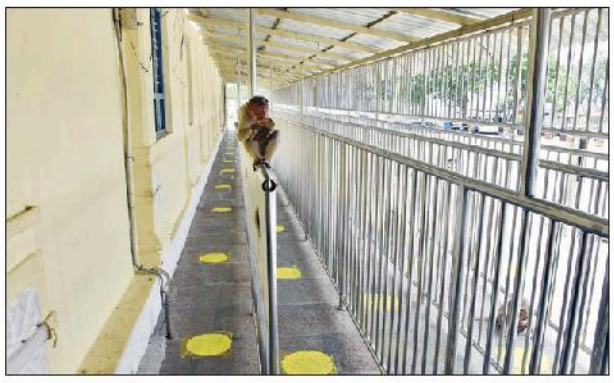


Ready for Unlock 3.0

No separate rules for Mysuru; State curbs apply



A temple staff cleaning the premises of Sri Chamundeshwari Hill Temple. Picture right shows yellow circles marked to maintain social distancing for devotees at the Hill Temple.

Disinfectant being sprayed at Mysore Palace premises this morning.

Mysuru Zoo premises being disinfected.

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel readied to serve customers.

Mall of Mysore being spruced up for Unlock 3.0.

Mysuru, July 4 (MTY&BCT)- In a step towards further unlocking the State that has shown a decline in positivity rate, Karnataka Government last evening announced a slew of relaxations to COVID restrictions which will come into effect from 6 am tomorrow (July 5) till 9 pm across the State except Kodagu. These new rules will stay till July 19.

There will be no special rules for Mysuru and the guidelines issued by the State will be followed, confirmed the City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta. Speaking to *SOM* this morning, he said that rules issued by the State will be strictly adhered to and violators will be booked under Disaster Management Act.

Violating shops, business establishments, hotels and mall managements will be booked and repeat violators will be asked to shut shop for 15 to 20 days, said an official from Mysuru City Corporation who did not want to be named.

(See UNLOCK on page 7)

Third wave threat

1.41 lakh children weighed in Mysuru

Paediatric survey completed; Immunity-boosting nutritious food supplied to doorsteps

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, July 4- The second wave of COVID-19 witnessed a surge in the number of children infected with the virus. As there is no vaccination available for children as yet, the only way to protect them is by ensuring that their immunity power is boosted with nutritious food and also by making sure that they follow all the Coronavirus norms.

Childcare experts have warned that nutrient deficiency or malnutrition weakens the immune system, making kids more susceptible to contagion. Ahead of the potential third wave, the Mysuru District Administration through the Women and Child Development Department has completed surveillance work and has done a paediatric survey to identify the most vulnerable children in order to make timely arrangements for their protection.

Anganwadi workers distributing nutritional food packets for children in rural areas of Mysuru district.

As part of the survey, 1,41,382 children were weighed and examined in Mysuru district (inclusive of city) and of them, 1,31,864 children were found to be normal bodied as per their age group, 9,383 children (6.64 percent) were found to be malnourished and 132 children are suffering from 'Severe Acute Malnutrition' (SAM), indicating a 0.09 percent SAM. In Mysuru city, 22 children are suffering from SAM and in taluk there are 34 children who are acutely malnourished.

Incidentally, the World Health Organisation (WHO) defines severe acute malnutrition by very low weight-for-height or a mid-upper arm circumference less than 115 mm, or by the presence of nutritional oedema.

(See CHILDREN on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 4th July 2021

Lack of widespread vaccination in developing countries causing mounting losses for tourism

New Delhi, July 4 (UNI)- Developing countries have borne the biggest brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on tourism and South Asia is one of the world's most affected regions.

They suffered the largest reductions in tourist arrivals in 2020, estimated at between 60 percent and 80 percent. Their economic losses are mounting due to the absence of widespread vaccination, says a new report.

COVID-19 vaccination rates are uneven across countries, ranging from below 1 percent of the population in some countries to above 60 percent in others.

According to a joint UN Conference on Trade and Development and UN World Tourism Organisation, the asymmetric roll-out of vaccines magnifies the economic blow tourism has suffered in developing countries, as they could account for up to 60 percent of the global GDP losses.

"Tourism is a lifeline for millions and advancing vaccination to protect communities and support tourism's safe restart is critical to the recovery of jobs and generation of much-needed resources, especially in developing countries, many of which are highly dependent on international tourism," said UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili.

The tourism sector is expected to recover faster in countries with high vaccination rates, such as France, Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States, the report says.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

No Indian should have any confusion or doubt about the importance of Jammu and Kashmir to the nation. Nor what was really at stake in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting on the afternoon of June 24 with the so-called democratic leaders from the region. I say "so-called" because not only have the democratic credentials of some of them been called into question, but so has their nationalism and patriotism. Whatever has transpired in the June 24th talks, purposely held "without an agenda", only reiterates that the reinstation of Article 370 or 35A and J&K's special status is not on the table. But, whether for strategic or political reasons, that is exactly what several members of the Gupkar alliance have demanded as a minimum condition. If this is not an echoing of the Pakistan line, it is, at the very least, an admission of just how much some of these politicians resist the full integration of J&K into the Union of India.

We must not succumb to the temptation of contenting ourselves with "dreams and fantasies" but use adroit realpolitik to ensure that the accession of J&K to India is complete and irreversible. Those who live there deserve not only development or vikas, but peace and freedom from fear. Needless to add, the Hindus driven out and others from the rest of India should be free to return or resettle there. Only saaf niyat, sahi vikas will work to resolve the current imbroglio. We can be sure that the current national leadership is well aware of this.

—Makarand R. Paranjape in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's largest medal in UAE

UAE: A school in UAE earned a Guinness World Record by creating a medal that covers an area of more than 63 square feet. The International Indian School-Abu Dhabi announced it created the world's largest medal, which measures 63.93 square feet and weighs about 4,850 pounds, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the school and the 50th anniversary of the UAE.

The medal was designed by students and teachers at the school and features engraved symbols including the UAE flag and popular Abu Dhabi landmarks. The medal was examined by a Guinness World Records adjudicator and certified as a new record. "International Indian School's name is embedded on the medal as a symbol of honor, pride, success and great accomplishment to its community for the last 5 years and for more years to come," the school said.

A freezer filled with food

US: A mother has been slammed after revealing she keeps her freezer fully stocked with meals so that her adult son can 'let himself in for a feed' whenever he likes. The woman had to defend her actions after uploading an image of her fridge to Facebook, which shows the unit is full to the brim with pre-cooked meals.

She said that the meals include curry, soup, pasta, casserole, and a range of rice dishes - but although she cooked them out of kindness, her post wasn't well received. The mother received a slew of angry comments from Facebook users, who slammed her to such a degree that she disabled comments and posted a statement — "This post was meant to inspire, not judge. I am turning off comments as this is becoming very overwhelming, love to you all, life can be wonderful no matter what."

HEALTH CAPSULE

COVID infection may prove more problematic in newborns (up to one year of age). These small babies have to be avoided infection at all cost. Strictly following SMS by all family members and getting vaccinated by adults will be a must.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar U.S. - Consultant Paediatrician

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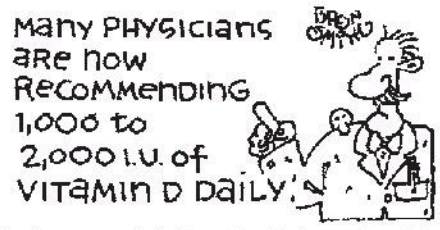


A new study has revealed that simply by maintaining normal Vitamin D levels, those who have heart disease can reduce their risk of death by almost one-third. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in the US, causing about 6,10,000 deaths each year.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JULY 2	JULY 3
Day's Positive Cases	457	227
Total Positive Cases	1,67,397	1,67,624
Day's Discharges	494	490
Total Discharges	1,60,763	1,61,258
Day's Deaths	5	7
Total Deaths	2,187	2,194
Total Active Cases	4,442	4,172

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

ADGP to virtually address valedictory of KSOU's Bank Exam coaching classes

Mysuru, July 4- The valedictory of the 50-day online coaching classes for Bank recruitment exam conducted by the Competitive Exams Coaching Centre of KSOU (Karnataka State Open University) will take place at 11 am tomorrow (July 5).

Bhaskar Rao

ADGP (Railways) Bhaskar Rao, who had also served as Mysuru City Police Commissioner earlier, will deliver the valedictory address from his headquarters in Bengaluru through virtual mode during the valedictory. Karnataka Bank MD and CEO S.M. Mahabaleshwar will be the guest of honour.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar will preside and release a study material titled 'Mukta Bhandara' on the occasion. KSOU Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna will be present.

The coaching classes, which commenced on May 15, will conclude tomorrow. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2515944.

REALLY...?

- *36% of all pizza orders want their pizza topped with pepperoni.*
- *58% of Americans order pizza on the Sunday of The Big Game, the highest selling day for pizza.*
- *Women are more likely to order vegetarian options as opposed to men.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Trying to teach his young son the evils of alcohol, the father put a worm in a glass of water and another in a glass of whiskey. The worm in the water lived, while the one in whiskey curled up and died. Father asked:** "What does this show you?" **Son:** "Dad, it shows that if you drink alcohol, you will not have worms!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.63
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.22
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.32
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.52

VOICE OF THE READER

Pipe laid after spoiling road

Sir,

After prolonged wait, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has laid new drainage pipe in Ward 34 of 8th Cross in Vinaya Marga, Siddartha Layout.

Now after digging to lay the pipe, MCC never bothered to lay proper road instead the dug earth was simply shovelled back not even properly levelled but just heaped using the same bull-dozer which used to dig the road as you see in the picture. Now the road is absolutely unsafe for even walking leave alone driving two-wheelers and cars.

I request the MCC to please lay proper road which was laid almost a decade ago. Meantime the road may please be levelled properly so that it is safe for residents.

—Ramraj

Mysuru
1.7.2021

Selfie Point at City Railway Station: A clarification

Mysuru, July 4- Following the publication of the news item titled ***'Cheer4India' Selfie Point set up at City Railway Station'*** in *Star of Mysore* dated July 2, 2021, South Western Railway (SWR) Commercial Superintendent S. Somashekar has clarified that he has not spoken against any individual or the SWR administration on the issue of certain sportspersons being featured in the selfies.

Somashekar, who is also the Vice-President of Karnataka Athletics Association and President of Mysuru District Athletics Association, employed presently with the SWR, has stated that the Selfie Point is not only for sportspersons but any rail-user to click photos and to upload in social media platforms to encourage the participants of the Tokyo Olympics.

City Railway Station, Mysore Airport to sport new names?

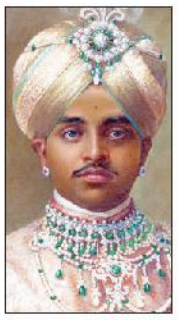
MP wants Railway Station named after Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Airport after Jayachamaraja Wadiyar

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, July 4 (DM)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has appealed to the Government to name the Mysuru City Railway Station after Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

In a letter addressed to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Pratap Simha said that the reign of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar (1902-1940) is known as the Golden age of Mysore. "Nalwadi recognised that cheap, easy and quick communication was imperative for the population in congested areas to move to sparsely populated places of the country. He had the conviction that transportation through rail can have a profound moral influence on the habits and customs of people," the MP said.

Nalwadi set out on a mission to propagate the idea that the Railways could break caste prejudices. Though the rulers of Mysuru opened the first Railway line from Bengaluru to Mysuru (86 miles) in 1882, the Railway development in the State was more significant under Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Mysore Railway Station is a heritage building built during Nalwadi's period. Besides, the Central workshop at Ashokapuram was commissioned in 1924 for repair of rolling stock, the MP highlighted.



Nalwadi Wadiyar *J.C. Wadiyar*

"The Railway network was expanded during Nalwadi's time which triggered growth in all spheres. As a better appreciation of the contributions of Nalwadi, the Government of Karnataka should write to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, recommending the change of name of Mysuru City Railway Station to Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Mysuru Junction," he wrote.

Mysore Airport after Jayachamaraja Wadiyar

In another letter addressed to Union Minister of Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri, Pratap Simha has appealed for naming Mysore Airport after Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar.

The erstwhile Government of Mysore was a partner in the setting up of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru in 1940 and Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the 25th Maharaja of the Princely State of Mysore (1940-71) was largely instrumental in the setting up of HAL, which was a watershed moment in the Indian aviation history, he stated.

Noting that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister, had the distinction of flying in the aeroplane that had Mysore connection, Simha said that the Maharaja of Mysore acquired one of the surplus Dakota DC-3 planes that were available for sale after World War-II and it was known as Mysore Dakota VT-AXX.

Post-independence, this plane was in great demand by Indian leaders such as Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Patel and Mysuru Maharaja had left this plane at their disposal for most of the time, the MP pointed out.

"Considering the outstanding contributions of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar for the multi-dimensional growth of Mysuru, it is apt to name Mysore Airport as Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Airport to carry forward his cherished legacy, Simha said in his letter.

SWR Mysuru records growth in freight traffic

Mysuru, July 4- Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) registers 318 percent growth in freight revenue of Rs. 156.6 crore for the first quarter of the year as against the corresponding period of last year.

The Division achieved an originating loading of 1.913 MT against 0.599 MT of the corresponding period of previous year and thus registered a growth of 219.4 percent in tonnage.

A monthly increase of 34 percent in freight revenue of Rs. 35.83 crore during June 2021 as against the corresponding month of previous year. Division gained an Originating Loading of 0.431 MT in June, 2021 as against 0.421 MT during June, 2020 by registering a growth of 2.4 percent.

Business Development Unit (BDU) has captured new freight traffic of Cement from Ammasandra to Kollam by fetching a revenue of Rs. 8.76 lakh. Division introduced Newly Modified Goods Rake for transportation of parcels from Nanjangud to Kharagpur Division which generated a revenue of Rs. 13.04 lakh.

The achievement in growth is due to the efforts and initiatives of marketing team of the Division.

Similarly, the parcel revenue has also witnessed an upward trend and the Division grossing revenue of Rs. 52.34 lakh for the month of June, 2021 in comparison to Rs. 50.95 lakh in June, 2020 and marks a 2.73 percent of growth. Thus, total parcel revenue for the quarter is Rs. 120.51 lakh with a growth in revenue of 101.29 percent.

The Division loaded its traditional commodities like iron-ore, petroleum products, cement, and sugar from Sasalu, Amravati Colony, Ammasandra, Chikjajur and Haveri Stations.

Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Senior Divisional Commercial-Manager, reiterated that Railway is committed to ensure the movement of essential goods despite the challenging circumstances of COVID-19 pandemic. He congratulated the BDU and staff involved in maintenance of rail assets in achieving this feat.

Rahul Agarwal said, the first quarter performance of the Division is inspirational and will ensure all necessary measures in place for sustaining the pace in freight operations in the coming months even though the threat of COVID-19 Pandemic is still continuing.

NEWS BRIEFS

Admissions open for Special School

Sai Ranga Vidya Samsthe, a free residential school for the hearing impaired boys, has invited applications from the eligible students for admissions to 1 std. to 10 std. Students admitted will be provided with free food, boarding and education. Apart from academics, vocational courses like tailoring and computer education will also be provided. Though there is concession in English exam for hearing impaired boys, they will be taught English too at the School. For details, call HM Y.V. Raghunatha Gowda on Mob: 93421-12736.

Food kits distribution

Mysuru Nagarika Vedike, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, will be distributing food kits at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city tomorrow (July 5) at 10 am. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion. District Minister S.T. Somashekar will symbolically launch the programme.

Good response for animal adoption

Zoos across the State, which were facing shortage of funds following COVID-induced lockdown, has received good response for the animal adoption scheme. A total of 2,022 individuals/ institutions have adopted the animals/ birds of Mysuru Zoo by paying adoption fees through Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) App between June 5 and 10.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	91.42	feet
Yesterday	:	91.92	feet
Inflow	:	1,161	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,671	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,275.93	feet
Inflow	:	990	cusecs
Outflow	:	700	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,841.99	feet
Inflow	:	375	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

Coffee growers seek revival package, loan restructuring

Madikeri, July 4 (PS&BCT)- A delegation of coffee growers has demanded the Centre to implement schemes to revive the sector as more than a lakh growers are facing a number of challenges including price crash, fall in production and increasing cost of production.

Meeting Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Karnataka Growers' Federation, an organisation of coffee planters in Hassan, Chikkamagalur and Kodagu, has appealed to her to instruct banks to restructure the loans.

The delegation was led by Federation President H.T. Mohan Kumar, Secretary K.B. Krishnappa, Organising Secretary K.K. Vishwanath, MP Tejaswi Surya, coffee grower Pradeep Poovaiah and former MLA H.M. Vishwanath.

The delegation told the Minister that long-term measures have to be taken up to revive the coffee plantation sector. They said the Reserve Bank of India had instructed the nationalised and private banks to restructure loan accounts in the wake of natural disasters. However, several banks were hesitant to do so.

A delegation of coffee growers submitting a memorandum to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman demanding the Centre to implement schemes to revive the sector and to instruct banks to restructure the loans.

The delegation demanded that the loans related to coffee cultivation be kept out of the ambit of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 otherwise the planters would continue to lose their land as many had been getting demand notices and possession notices under this Act.

Coffee production had fallen by around 40 percent even as input costs had increased. Consistent, non-remuneration for drought, natural calamities like floods and landslides and high incidence of pests and diseases, non-availability of credit and the exorbitant cost of labour had forced traditional coffee farmers to abandon their plantations, they told the Minister.

Lockdowns due to the pandemic have resulted in a disaster to coffee growers and industry. The lockdown has disrupted normal plantation activities, curing, trading and export of coffee. Due to this, the growers are facing a severe fund crunch and cash flow concerns, they said.

The current interest rate on crop loans was too high, said the delegation and urged the Minister to bring it down to 3 percent for the already borrowed and future loans. They sought restructuring of all crop and development loans given to coffee growers into a single-term loan. The repayment period should be extended for a period of nine years with a two-year moratorium.

The Fasal Bima Yojana should be applicable to coffee as well, they said and urged the Minister to announce a package for coffee planters on the lines of the relief announced for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Minister rules out regularisation of contract workers in GP level

Kin to get Rs. 30 lakh ex-gratia relief in case they die of COVID

Bengaluru, July 4 (KMS& SSV)- Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K.S. Eshwarappa ruled out regularising services of contract employees in Gram Panchayat level but said their family members will get an ex-gratia compensation of Rs.30 lakh in case they die of Coronavirus.

He was speaking at a function organised to release a handbook pertaining to Department achievement, Swachha Bharat, Rural Sanitation policy and others at Vidhana Soudha here on Thursday.

The Minister said those who were working on temporary basis would also get the compensation in case they die of Corona. Already, 186 employees of this Department have lost their lives due to Corona since March 2020. The Government of India has complimented the State for constituting one committee for every 50 houses in rural areas and also Task Force in Gram Panchayat level for the schemes implementation. Approval for seven mega drinking water scheme has been given under Jal Jeevan Mission.

Eshwarappa said 13 crore man days have been created

K.S. Eshwarappa

under MGNREGA scheme of which 4.40 crore man days had been completed. As many as 9,10,000 works have begun in rural areas across the State. Tap water supply is planned for every house under Jal Jeevan Mission. Daily 55 litres of water will be supplied to each house. Pipeline had been laid long ago but water connection was not given.

So far, no tariff has been fixed for tap water and it was left to the Gram Panchayats do that. Though a monthly tariff of Rs.100 has been fixed in some districts even that had not been paid by users, he said.

He said awareness on Solid Waste Management was done by GPs but places were not available to set up SWM units. As many as 22 lakh MGNREGA workers have received the jab in GP level. The wages was directly credited to bank accounts of those workers.

FKCCI submits memorandum to Finance Minister

Bengaluru, July 4 (UNI)- Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FKCCI) delegation met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday and submitted a memorandum for more relief due to COVID-19 crisis.

FKCCI President Sunder said considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, MSME discussed the following issues to improve the sector and bring about improvements in corporate business practices with Finance Minister:

Postponement of NPA standards for MSMEs for some years; Sybil Rating for MSMEs for a period of two years; To sanction new loans and to refinance existing loan enhancement process fees; Not forcing extra security for additional debt; Other economic sectors such as Garment, Hotels, Restaurants, Hospitality Institutions and Professional Services; Reducing inflation by reducing GST on commodities needed for daily needs; Petrol and Diesel to be brought under GST; State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) to represent FKCCI on the boards of major banks and PSUs.

A request was made on the following issues to bring about the necessary reforms in corporate affairs: Support start-ups by exempting stringent and time-consuming means of complying with private employment regulations while raising capital; Allowing angel investors to issue shares at a discounted rate under Series A funding; The New Initiative of Companies and the Return of the LLC Settlement Scheme; Merge Form DPT-3 with Annual Returns to reduce compliance burden for small companies; Waiver of all late filing fees for the financial year 2020-21 under the MCA which reduces eKYC fees from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 500; Extension of the FLA and the extension of the new CRO for a further month; Substituting Schedule 3 for one year.

Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has carefully reviewed all these issues and assured the FKCCI delegation that they would soon discuss the matter with the relevant authorities.

KRS Dam to get SCADA system of water release control

Once implemented, Reservoir will become first in State to have hi-tech feature of operating crest gates sitting at office

A file photo of one of the gates being designed at KRS Dam.

Telemetric Water Gauge.

Mysuru, July 4 (RK&BCT)- The Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya district is all set to achieve the distinction of being the first reservoir in Karnataka to implement SCADA system of water monitoring for real-time and live data.

This system, called **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA),** will monitor the inflow of water to the Dam and also outflow through each of the 158 sluice gates or crest gates. Of the 158 gates, 152 gates are used to release water at various levels of the Dam and at present, a project to replace 136 gates is under progress with Rs. 69.52 crore World Bank funding.

Along with the replacement of 136 crest gates, the project to implement the SCADA system is also underway. Once implemented, the Dam will have a hi-tech feature where officers can monitor the entire water data by sitting in their offices and also operate the gates of the Dam by just pressing buttons. Now the gates are operated manually where gates are lifted through cables and pulleys.

As the manual one is a less accurate and time-consuming process, this new automation system will permit officers and Dam managers to observe as well as control the gates distantly using devices and SCADA software, which minimises errors and time while reducing the cost and increasing the quality of monitoring and controlling mechanisms.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL) Chief Engineer Shankaregowda said that SCADA is a better tool for controlling and monitoring actions at the Dam and it offers a wide range of controllers and modules which feature high performance, multiple functions and efficient programme tools. "It is a user-friendly programming software with faster execution speed. SCADA ensures efficiency and data is recorded in real-time which will help us analyse water level, inflow and outflow from each of the gates," he said.

"This technology is much more user-friendly, easily operable, reliable, simple to monitor, and robust," Shankaregowda added.

The reservoir, constructed across River Cauvery, was conceived and executed by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Sir M. Visvesvaraya in November 1911 and completed in 1931-32. The Dam is 2.62 kilometres long.

Over the passage of time, there were water leaks, damage and corrosion in the Dam, despite regular maintenance of crest gates, following which the CNNL had replaced 16 crest gates at a cost of Rs.18.8 crore in 2003. Now, the works are on to replace 136 gates with World Bank aid.

The funds were released by the World Bank under the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) based on the request by the Central Water Commission (CWC) that has submitted the Detailed Project Report and the design.

The CNNL had earlier set a target of 2022 but the project has been delayed due to COVID. "Works might further get delayed as monsoon has started and the inflow has increased," Shankaregowda added.

Telemetric Water Gauge

It may be recalled here that in July 2019, a Telemetric Water Gauge (Online Monitoring System) was installed at KRS Dam for sensor-based real-time data on the storage level, inflow and outflow.

The system transmits data to Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) Office in New Delhi and the authorities who decide on the water release as mandated by the Supreme Court need not wait for the data from the Dams. They can easily access the data through the Telemetry Transmission system.

Earlier, CWMA had to obtain data from the reservoir every day to determine storage levels, inflow and outflow. This system was prone to errors as the people manning the Dams take physical measurements. With the Telemetric Water Gauge, errors are eliminated and accurate real-time data can be accessed, making the decision-making process easy and accurate.

Leopardess trapped in BEML premises

Video of 'leopard walking on over-bridge' not from Mysuru but Hassan

Mysuru, July 4 (MTY&KS)- A leopardess, aged about one-and-a-half years, has been trapped in BEML premises. The feline walked into the cage and got trapped on Friday night.

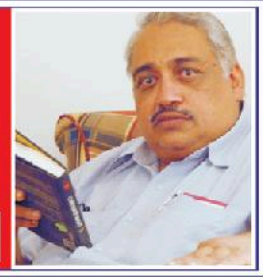
Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar and staff, who visited the spot, inspected the leopardess and confirmed that the trapped feline has no cubs. The leopardess was later released into Moolehole Range in Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

It may be recalled that in May this year, a leopardess with four cubs — all presumed to be sub-adults — were sighted on the BEML factory premises on the outskirts of the city and a video showing them prowling near the compound had gone viral on social media.

RUMOURS CLARIFIED

Meanwhile, a video of leopard, walking on an over-bridge is doing rounds on social media, with some stating that the over-bridge is located on Mysuru-H.D. Kote Main Road near J.P. Nagar, while a few have stated that it is the Varuna Canal duct near Srirampura. However, Forest Department officials have confirmed that the video was captured by a family travelling in a car about four days back in Hassan.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Eyesores Galore in Mysore !

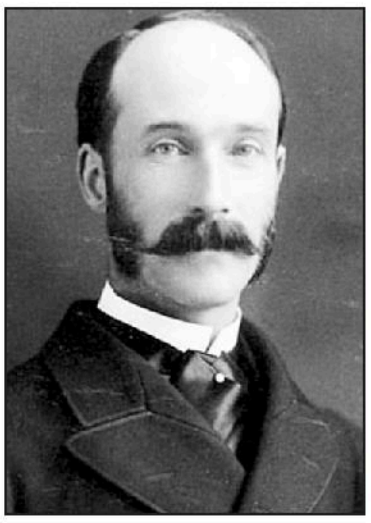
We Mysureans take a great deal of pride in the beauty and the rich heritage of our city, much of which has been very carefully hand-crafted by a very far-sighted royalty. Almost anything and everything we see here in *Namma Mysuru* is unique and markedly different from what we see in most other cities.

Almost every locality in the city has a few so-called heritage structures which have been so designated in the year 2004 by a committee that was constituted to do this. About 234 buildings were shortlisted to be in this elite league but after much string-pulling by many vested interests, 198 were finally given the exalted heritage status. These buildings include many Palaces, Government Offices, Hospitals, Lodges, Guest Houses, Markets, Colleges, our Railway Station, our University building and our two Clock Towers.

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) was supposed to be responsible for their maintenance, preservation and protection. But from what we have seen down these nearly twenty years it seems to be doing nothing towards fulfilling this responsibility after performing the initial *'Namakarna'*. I say this because except for the few structures which are being looked after by their respective owners or users, almost every other heritage structure is crying for some much-needed immediate attention.

Going by what we have seen in the past, by some eerie coincidence, the month of August which is just round the corner, seems to be the one that forebodes the worst for our best and most iconic heritage structures! On 25th of August, 2012 we saw a portion of the Lansdowne building collapse, taking with it four innocent lives. On the 28th of August, 2016 we saw a huge chunk of the northern portion of our Devaraja Market building coming down, thankfully without any loss of life this time. Then on the 10th of August, 2019 we saw the portico and front portion of our Fire Brigade building in Saraswathipuram coming down, miraculously sparing the lives of a Home Guard and a Post-woman by a few milliseconds.

The Lansdowne building in its old glory. Picture right: ***File photo of Lansdowne building which collapsed on Aug. 25, 2012.***



Lord Lansdowne

Maharaja Chamaraja Wadiyar

I do not attach any significance to the fact that all these mishaps happened in the month of August except for the fact that August is one of our rainiest months. And, heavy rain, along with good old time are undisputedly the two among the three worst enemies of old buildings. The third enemy, of course, is sheer neglect, which is the one that is most avoidable and therefore the most unpardonable.

Every one of the three structures I am talking about here have a very rich history of their own which is very closely interwoven with the history of our city. The **Lansdowne Building** was built to commemorate the visit of Lord Lansdowne who was the Viceroy of India from 1888 to 1894. He came to our city on the invitation of our **Maharaja Chamaraja Wadiyar X** and the building which was completed well before his arrival was inaugurated by him on 10th November 1892. Paying rich tributes to our Maharaja, Lord Lansdowne in his speech said: **"There is probably no State in India where the ruler and the ruled are on more satisfactory terms, or in which the great principle, upon which his highness has insisted, that Government should be for the happiness of the governed, receives a greater measure of practical recognition."**

This building has played a very noteworthy role in the history of the **Sarada Vilas** group of educational institutions. **Rao Bahadur Bakshi Narasappa** started the **Sarada Vilas Pathashala** in this building to teach Sanskrit which later went on to become a full-fledged Primary School. To me this building is very dear because of two reasons. Firstly, it was the place which at its Northern end, housed ***The Newspaper House,*** a book shop that I used to frequent almost every Sunday morning to pick up my diet of reading material. Its owner **Lakkur Raja Rao,** a most gentle and kind-hearted man, about whom I have written some years ago, used to urge me to take away all the books and magazines I wanted, without bothering to immediately pay for them. What more could a book-loving boy ask for?

The treasures I picked up there still stand on my bookshelves after having enriched my life and personality like nothing else! This was also the place where I used to meet writer **R.K. Narayan** very often as he too, like me, was a frequent visitor to the place. The writer had taken a liking for me, which is not very surprising, because Raja Rao had introduced me to him as a boy who at a very young age had bought and read all his books!

And, on my part I have had the unique privilege of sharing half a glass of warm badam milk with him, thanks to the kindness and generosity of Raja Rao who used to get it from **Phalamrutha**, the adjacent juice and ice-cream shop. It is a different matter that while I always craved for the chilled version of the drink, I had to be content with the warm version because that is what Raja Rao thought was best and safest for a young boy and an old man!

The second reason for my attachment to the Lansdowne Building was because of the second-hand book shop that stood at its Southern end which I would visit after I was done with my shopping at *The Newspaper House*. It was owned by a man called **Nanjundaswamy**, who sported a huge moustache and who was also just as large-hearted as Raja Rao when it came to allowing me to pick up books without having to pay for them immediately.

Once when I picked up a book on experimental psychology there, Nanjundaswamy told me to keep it very carefully because it was long out of print. **Maybe he was right but the reason why I picked up the book and why I was going to treasure it for the rest of my life was because it was co-authored by my own father!**

Between these two shops at the two ends of the building, bang in its middle, stood two other shops which I would peep into without actually buying anything there. One was the old-fashioned **Srinivasa Power Press** owned by my close friend Ravi's father K. Ramu. It used to be a pleasure to watch him at work, painstakingly doing his typesetting or making rubber stamps out of real raw rubber that had to be cured by cooking on a kerosene stove! The rubber stamp of my name which he made for me fifty years ago, is still with me, after having left its mark on every one of my books from that era!

The other shop I used to visit was the ***National Watch Co,*** owned by the two Khuraishi brothers, Aminulla and Ataulla. Knowing my interest in anything mechanical, they used to not only very obligingly show me the innards of all the clocks, time-pieces and watches they used to repair and service but also explain their working principles to me very patiently. With most of my Sunday forenoons spent like this there, it is no surprise that I can now only look at the dilapidated Lansdowne building which has now become an eyesore, with a deep sense of nostalgia and pain!

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Miraculous escape for occupants as car falls into drain

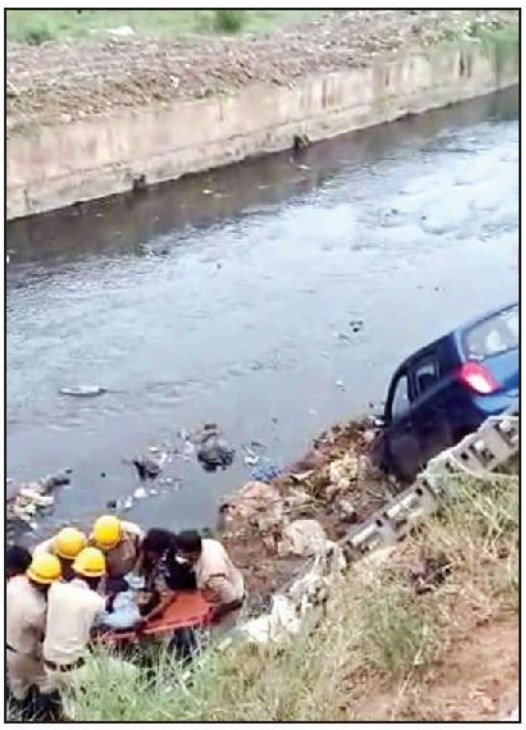
Mysuru, July 4 (RK&KS)- Three of a family travelling in a car escaped with minor injuries, when the car in which they were travelling plunged into the big drain on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road here yesterday.

The injured are Srinivas, his wife Shantha and daughter Saradi, residents of Bengaluru. They were treated as outpatients at a private hospital nearby.

The family had been to Nanjangud in their car (KA-09-MB-5531) and were returning to Bengaluru, when the person behind the wheels of the car lost control of the vehicle near Dandi Maramma Temple on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, resulting in the car falling into the big drain on the road.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel of Bannimantap Fire Station, who rushed to the spot, rescued the three occupants of the car and also lifted the car from the drain besides shifting the injured to the private hospital.

Regional Fire Officer Naveen Kumar, Deputy Fire Officers Raju, Chandan, Shivaswamy, Nagaraj Urs, Somanna, Mahadeva, Chandru and others took part in the rescue operation.



Van Mahotsav 2021 Webinar Series

Mysuru, July 4- As part of National Programme to commemorate 'Van Mahotsav 2021' from July 1 to 7, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), New Delhi, a subordinate office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has organised a talk on the topic 'Kaleidoscope: Seeing the forest through the past, present and future eyes' tomorrow (July 5) from 11 am onwards.

Dr. T.V. Sajeev

Dr. T.V. Sajeev, Senior Principal Scientist and Research Co-ordinator, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi, Kerala, will deliver the talk.

The event is co-ordinated by Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH), Mysuru.

To join the webinar, log on to: *https://www.gotomeet.me/NMNH/van-mahotsav---online-webinar---1-7-july-2021*

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SC refuses to intervene

in National Law School's decision to reserve 25% seats for Karnataka students

New Delhi, July 4 (UNI)- The Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay the National Law School of India University's (NLSIU), Bengaluru, revised admission notification of reserving 25 percent seats for Karnataka students.

A Special Leave Petition was filed by the State of Karnataka challenging the October 2020 judgment of the High Court which had struck down the amendment act passed by the Karnataka Assembly to provide 25 percent horizontal reservation for students.

Senior Advocate Gopal Shankaranarayan argued that the revised admission notification was an attempt to get over the High Court's judgment. Shankaranarayan challenged that the State Government has no study to claim that Karnataka students are backward or deprived and also the Apex Court in a judgment has prohibited last minute changes in the admission schedule.

However, Advocate General of Karnataka Prabhuling Navadgi told the Apex Court that the High Court has struck down the reservation observing that Assembly does not have powers to introduce reservation in the NLSIU but stated that the institution if it wants, can provide reservations.

A Bench comprising Justices L. Nageswara Rao and S. Ravindra Bhat allowed the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) to go on, as scheduled on July 23 and refused to interfere with the NLSIU's revised admission notification.

"There is no interim order. List the matter in August. The exams will go on", Justice Rao said and posted the matter to August.

The NLSIU has stated that it is going with the reservation to increase the diversity of its students and facilitate greater access to marginalised or underprivileged sections of the society in a phased manner.

1.41 lakh children weighed in Mysuru

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Nutritional food packets

Children suffering from SAM have very low weight for their height, and are nine times more likely to die in case of diseases due to their weakened immune system. "We have completed the survey and have ensured nutritional food packets are supplied to all homes of such children and special focus is on kids suffering from SAM," officials from the Women and Child Development Department told *Star of Mysore*.

"We have been distributing protein powders, eggs, milk powder, food grains (including rice and a couple of pulses), sugar, chikkis, groundnuts and jaggery among households that have underweight children. These items are directly supplied to the doorstep of underweight children to prevent pilferage and also to prevent selling of such items to procure alcohol," officers said.

Food kits are supplied to children between six months to three years, three to six years, pregnant women and neonatal mothers. "We are utilising the services of Anganwadi workers and the respective Taluk Child Development Officers. We are maintaining a separate list of children suffering from malnutrition and other severe diseases. In the case of the third wave, we are prepared to tackle infection among children," the officer added.

Vulnerable categories

Children have been categorised in the age groups of 0-5 years, 5-10 years and 10-15 and have been classified further as red (vulnerable), yellow (less vulnerable) and green (low vulnerable) category. "In case a variant affecting children is detected, then all the vulnerable children will be prioritised for remedial measures," the officer added.

Such paediatric surveys will help in data updation and identifying which children are more vulnerable. Even the health infrastructure will also be improvised based on this survey, the officer added.

Ready for Unlock 3.0

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The relaxation comes after a terrifying second wave of the pandemic that brought most districts including Mysuru to a near standstill. From tomorrow, some level of normality will be restored with hotels, malls, shops, temples, religious places and offices reopening and daily life is expected to be back on track.

BARS AND RESTAURANTS

While schools, colleges, theatres and cinema halls will be closed, bars and restaurants will be allowed to open till 9 pm. According to the new guidelines, all restaurants, malls and private offices can also open with full capacity. However, pubs will be allowed to provide only take away service. All public transport is allowed to operate up to its seating capacity. However, all educational institutions, tutorials and colleges would remain closed until further orders.

Public transport will be allowed to operate in full seating capacity, instead of the previous 50 percent rule. Night curfew would continue from 9 pm to 5 am till July 19.

Swimming pools would be permitted for competitive training purposes only. Sports complexes and stadia would also be opened only for practice purposes. All social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural, religious functions and other gatherings and large congregations would continue to be prohibited.

Marriages and family functions involving not more than 100 people would be permitted and funerals would be allowed with a maximum of 20 people. Police, Corporations, Municipalities and Panchayats have been told to strictly enforce wearing of face masks, hand hygiene, and maintaining social distance.

PENAL PROVISIONS

Non-wearing of masks attracted a fine of Rs. 250 in urban areas and Rs. 100 in rural areas. During the night curfew, patients and their attendants/ persons requiring emergency need for movement would be allowed to move.

All industries and companies which require operations at night would be permitted to operate and movement of employees of organisations would be allowed on producing valid ID card authorisation.

Movement of goods vehicles, buses, trains, and air travel have been permitted. Movement of public transport, private vehicles and taxis to and from airports, bus terminals, bus stands, railway stations, would be allowed on displaying valid travel documents during the curfew hours.

Hectic preparations at Zoo, temples, malls, hotels

Hectic preparations including cleaning, sanitising and arrangements as per social distancing norms are underway at temples, malls, hotels and Mysuru Zoo from this morning. All of them are opening after a gap of two months.

"We are opening with a lot of expectations and we have suffered a loss of Rs. 20 crore per day when the entire hotel and hospitality industry is taken into consideration. We are ready to serve customers and are ensuring all COVID guidelines are adhered to," Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda told *SOM*.

Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Executive Officer S.N. Yathiraj Sampathkumaran said that all measures are in place to welcome visitors. "As per the Government directions, there will be no *sevas* and special *pujas*, but all mandatory and traditional pujas performed to the Goddess will be there as a daily routine inside the sanctum sanctorum. Crowd-control measures have been put in place and the entire temple complex and railings have been sanitised," he added.

Malls have started cleaning as from tomorrow, all sections will be opened. Malls including B.M. Habitat Mall, Mall of Mysore and Garuda Mall were sanitised to welcome visitors with precautions.

The Mysuru Zoo will open at 8.30 am tomorrow and the Zoo authorities have come up with their own guidelines. "We are done with cleaning and separate entrances have been made for visitors and staff. Disinfectant mats have been put up at the entrances and there will be mandatory screening of all visitors. Suspicious cases will not be allowed entry," Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni said.

Saluting United States on its Independence Day

By Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy

Fourth of July is celebrated with great pomp, gaiety and fanfare with bands, picnics, meetings, concerts and fireworks throughout the United States of America. It was on this day in 1767 the Founding-Fathers at the meeting of the continental Congress in Philadelphia proclaimed the "Declaration of Independence". But it took nearly **eight more years of fighting** till General George Washington defeated the British. **American Constitution would only be adopted after eleven years in 1788** and a stable Central Government established in the United States.

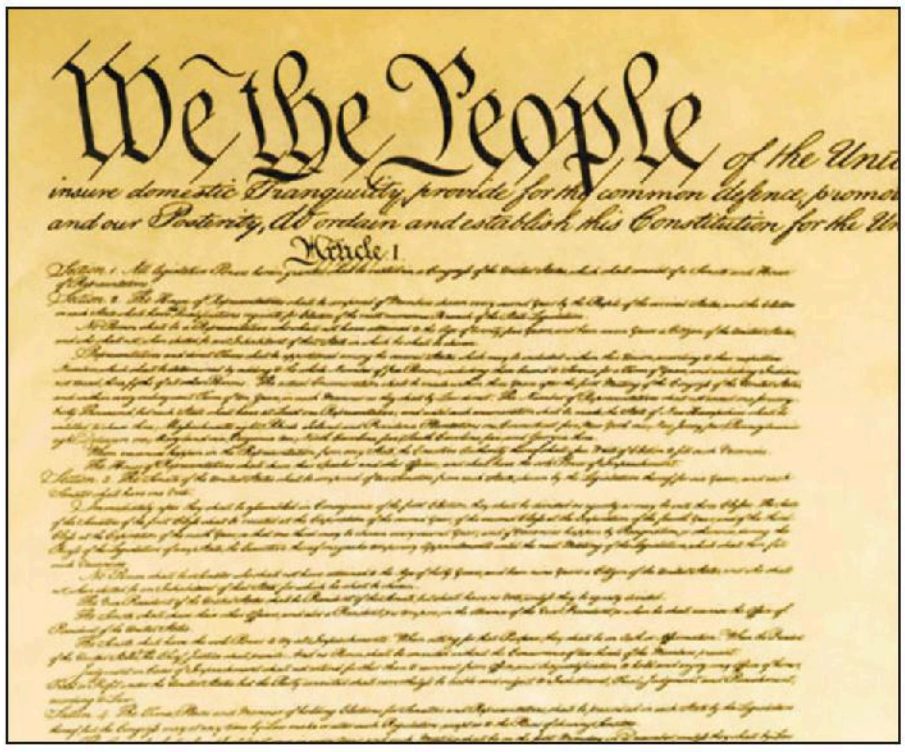
Dr. Sreenivasa Murthy

At the time of independence there were thirteen colonies of Britain in America. All of these were situated on the eastern part and their total area was probably about a fourth of the present day United States. Each of the thirteen colonies had a charter, or written agreement between the colony and the King of England. Charters of royal colonies provided for direct rule by the King. A colonial Legislature was elected in each State by property holding men. Every one of the States had their own Constitution, Legislature and a Governor appointed by the King in England. Some States maintained even small armies. These were all independent States and ruled directly by the English King.

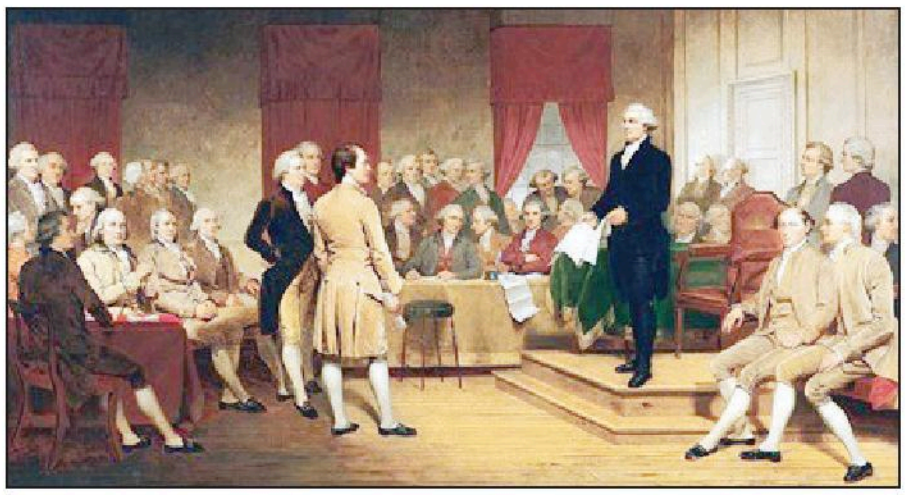
People of all the States were of English and Scottish origin and were all proud of their English language, English heritage and English culture. The colonies did not have any major industry of their own and exported raw materials like tobacco and cotton to England and would import all their needs from that country.

In 1755 the English Parliament levied a number of taxes on these colonies to make up for the increased expenditure on the military to maintain the colonies. These taxes were levied without approval of the colonial Legislatures. The people of the American colonies, particularly the educated and propertied class, felt that the British King and Parliament were treating them as second class citizens of subject colonies. They felt these colonies should be represented in the British Parliament and they should be treated as equal citizens of England. They sent many petitions to the King and the Parliament to give them representation. The King and the Parliament were not prepared for it and instead sent an army to quell the dissent.

The delegates from all the States met in Philadelphia with the object of getting independence from Britain. They also realised that the English King would not give independence to them without a proper fight. They appointed General George Washington as the Commander-in-Chief of the army to fight the British. Britain was a great military power and had the most powerful army in the world. The people of the colonies knew it was not an easy task to defeat the British. General Washington had too many setbacks. His army was ill-equipped and ill-trained. But he received the help of the French military towards the end. Washington finally defeated the British in 1785 and the British General Lord Charles Cornwallis and his army surrendered to General George Washington's American forces on October 19, 1781. But the war finally ended only in 1783, after nearly six years of declaration of independence.



The US Constitution.



General George Washington presided over the signing of the US Constitution, 1788.

A declaration of real Human Freedom

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

—From the American Declaration of Independence

At present America has 50 States.

The Constitution could not be framed for eleven years after the declaration of independence. The thirteen States were squabbling and very reluctant to give up their independence and powers. There had to be trade-offs to produce a consensus among the States. One of the main issues was the **practice of slavery.** Slavery was implicitly recognised in the original Constitution in provisions commonly known as the Three-Fifths Compromise, which provided that Three-Fifths of each State's enslaved population ("other persons") was to be added to its free population for the purposes of census.

The other issue was the **proportional representation** in the Legislature. This was hotly debated and the final result was another major concession by the bigger States. The smaller States were afraid of proportional representation since they thought they would lose their equality, importance and power in the decisions of the Central Government. The final compromise was that the House of Representatives will have a proportional representation and the Senate will have two Senators from every State irrespective of its size. With continuous debate and compromises, a Constitution was signed on 17th September 1787.

The Constitution was not a perfect document but was the result of various concessions and compromises among the States. **Women were not mentioned since they were the property of their husbands as per the prevailing norms of the times. The original tribes** who inhabited the land do not find a place, indirectly denying them any rights and **making them aliens in their own land.** The word Democracy does not appear anywhere in the document. But still the new Constitution was an epoch-making vision for a new country and was an idealistic concept of a nation. There was no King as head of the country and there was no ruling aristocracy. **It was a Union of States with a Federal structure** and lots of powers to the States and an elected Chief — the President. There were three independent branches of the Government — the Executive, the Judiciary and the Legislature — with various checks and balances to control the power of each **wing. For the first time in the history of mankind the country's head — the President — was chosen directly by all the people.** The Founding-Fathers with their idealism and vision had created a nation which drew its power from their people.

The initial years were not easy for the new Republic. Britain attacked it again and burnt the White House in 1814. **There was a Civil War after nearly 74 years, from 1861 to 1865 and the country almost broke into two.** Abraham Lincoln won the war for the Union and emancipated the slaves. From the time of end of the Civil War in 1865, the United States has grown from strength to strength. The original Constitution has undergone many amendments in the last 233 years and has become an inspiration for democracies all over the world. Indian Constitution draws heavily from the American Constitution and both of them begin with the same three words — "WE THE PEOPLE".

The visionary Constitution given by the Founding-Fathers has created the richest and the most powerful Democratic Nation in human history. Let us greet and salute this Great Nation, "The United States of America" on the day of its independence▪

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi accuses Congress of false propaganda over vaccination drive

Mysuru, July 4 (SBD, MK&DM)- Targeting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for making baseless and nonsensical remarks against the ongoing COVID vaccination drive across the nation, Union Minister for Coal and Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi said that though India discovered the vaccine for the deadly pandemic in quick time, there is no vaccine for arrogance and falsehood in the country.

He was speaking to pressperson after visiting Suttur Mutt and seeking the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji here yesterday.

Asserting that the country has launched the biggest COVID vaccination drive in the world, Joshi said that so far, 35 crore people have been vaccinated for the dreaded virus. Stating that the Union Health Minister has promised to vaccinate 12 crore more people in July, he said that Rahul Gandhi should talk about vaccines only after that.

Highlighting the efforts being made by the BJP-led Union Government for vaccinating the entire population, Joshi said that the country saw 11 crore people receiving jabs in June, which means that more than double the population of England has been vaccinated and the Opposition Congress party has failed to take note of this.

Strongly defending the vaccine allocation policy of the Government, Joshi said that he has spoken to the State Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar on planning vaccination drives depending on the availability of vaccines.

Referring to the ongoing farmer agitation seeking repealment of the three newly introduced farm laws, Joshi said that the farmers have a misconception about the farm laws. The Union Government was willing to talk to farmer leaders to allay their fears which are unfounded, he added.

Parliament session from July 19

Pralhad Joshi said that the monsoon session of Parliament will commence from July 19 and will be held for 26 days. Noting that the session is likely to take up 20 important Bills, he said that there was no question of repealment of farm laws. The Government was ready to accept any worthy suggestions with an open mind, he maintained.

Chief whip in the Legislative Council Mahantesh Kavatagimath, Belagavi KLE Society's Working President Prabhakar Kore, MLC N. Ravikumar, MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, leaders Siddaraju, M. Shivanna, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, District President Mangala Somashekar and others were present.

Joshi visits City BJP Office

Minister Pralhad Joshi also visited the party Office at Chamarajapuram here yesterday.

Addressing the party workers, Joshi maintained that the country would have lost more than a crore people if the vaccine was not invented in quick time. Underlining the relentless efforts being made by the BJP Government for vaccinating people to prevent loss of lives, he asserted that the Government has mitigated the sufferings of the poor by providing free ration to them in this hour of crisis.

Asking the party workers to take forward all programmes and schemes of the Government to the door-steps of targeted beneficiaries, he appealed the people to watch the Prime Minister's App in order to know the real facts.

The Union Minister appealed the party workers to get themselves vaccinated and follow COVID appropriate behaviour at all times.

Pralhad Joshi was felicitated on the occasion.

MLA L. Nagendra, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, District President Mangala Somashekar and others were present.

Joshi thereafter visited the residence of State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra at Kuvempunagar and offered condolences to the family members on the passing away of Rajendra's wife Padmavathi recently. The Minister spoke to Rajendra, his daughter Swathi, son-in-law Mahesh and other family members.

Joshi also visited the residence of Corporator Asha Nagabhushan at J.P. Nagar, who lost her son Pradeep recently and offered condolences to the family members.

Joshi visits 'Sudharma' office, condoles Editor's death

Minister Joshi visited the residence of 'Sudharma' Sanskrit daily Editor late K.V. Sampath Kumar in Agrahara yesterday and expressed his condolences to the family of the deceased Editor.

The Minister also offered floral tributes to the portrait of Sampath Kumar and also inspected the printing section of the daily, located in the premises of the house, during which he was given a 2021 Sanskrit calendar.

Sampath Kumar's wife Vidushi K.S. Jayalakshmi said that currently, the two-page Sudharma daily was running with great difficulty.

Noting that there are plans to make the paper a 4-page one, she appealed Joshi to render all Government help for the same. The Minister promised to extend all support if a list of plans on unhindered running of paper is submitted.

DG&IGP opens CEN Police Station

Cuts short city visit, returns to Bengaluru

Mysuru, July 4 (MK&SSV)- Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Praveen Sood inaugurated **Cyber, Economic offences and Narcotics (CEN)** Police Station at the old Police Commissioner's Office building in city yesterday.

Two separate Police Stations dedicated for Economic Offences and Narcotics have been merged, and re-christened as Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has appealed citizens to lodge complaints regarding cyber crime or narcotics at the new Police Station. For details, call Ph: 0821-2418592.

Inspector General of Police (Southern Range) Pravin Madhukar Pawar, DCPs Pradeep Gunti and M.S. Geetha Prasanna, Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chetan, City Armed Reserve (CAR) Headquarters DCP Shivaraj, Karnataka Armed Reserve Police Mounted Commandant M.G. Nagaraju and CEN Inspector G. Shekar were present.

Praveen Sood left for Bengaluru this morning, cutting short his three day visit to city.

Home Minister Bommai's visit

Meanwhile, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai will lay foundation stone for various development works connected with the Police Department in City on July 14.

DG&IGP Praveen Sood said that the Minister will perform *bhoomi puja* for the residence of Superintendent of Police, new District Armed Reserve Office, staff quarters and armoury.

On the same day, he will participate in passing out parade of Deputy Superintendent of Police and Sub-Inspectors at Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Ground.

Obituary

Rajamma

Mysuru, July 4 - Rajamma (57), wife of late Mahadevu and a resident of 10th Cross in Mahadeshwara Layout, passed away this morning.

She leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this morning.

R. Shafi Ahmed

R. Shafi Ahmed (78), retired KSRTC official, former Director of Muslim Co-operative Bank and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday morning at his residence in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds, near Tipu Circle yesterday evening.

N. Nagendran

N. Nagendran (47), a resident of Ashokapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Jayanagar this morning.

WORD OF THE DAY

Pleonasm

Pronunciation: plee-uh-naz-uhm.
Meaning: The use of more words than are necessary to express an idea; redundancy.
Origin: Pleonasm, "the use of more words than are necessary to express an idea; redundancy," may be annoying or foolish, as in "free gift" or "true fact," but not so in emphatic expressions such as "I saw it with my own eyes." Pleonasm comes via Late Latin pleonasmus (where it is only a term in rhetoric), from Greek pleonasmós "redundancy, surplus, superabundance, (rhetoric) use of redundant words, lengthening of clauses, repetition," a derivative of pleonázein "to be or have more than enough," which is itself derivative of pleíōn, the comparative degree of polýs "much, many." Pleonasm entered English in the early 17th century.
Example: Federal foreign policy is a pleonasm. What foreign policy can a federal nation have except a national policy? —9Th Circuit Judge John T. Noonan, United States V. State Of Arizona, 641 F.3D 339 (9Th Cir. 2011).

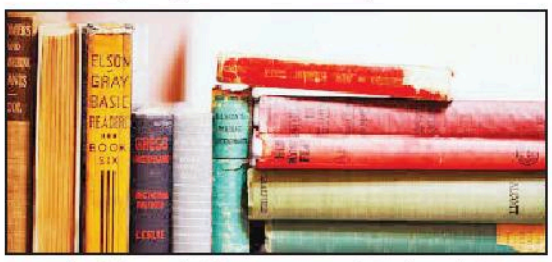
THE ODD WORD

Palfrenier

Groom.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Don't judge a book by its cover



Meaning: You should not decide upon something based just on outward appearances.
Origin: The origin of the idiom 'don't judge a book by its cover' is fairly recent. The phrase is attributed to a 1944 edition of the African journal American Speech: "You can't judge a book by its binding." It was popularized even more when it appeared in the 1946 murder mystery Murder in the Glass Room by Lester Fuller and Edwin Rolfe: "You can never tell a book by its cover."
Example: "I'm glad I didn't judge a book by its cover, or I never would have married him!"

QUOTE BOX

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.— **Eleanor Roosevelt**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

BlesSing

Answer :Mixed blessing.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Beam of sunlight
4 Uber competitor
7 Large cask
10 Popular card game
11 Indian queen
13 Approximately or roughly (2,2)
14 Plunders
16 Changed color
17 Sounded a bell
19 What you say when you are not impressed! (1,3,4)
21 A resort with a mineral spring
24 Bit of news
25 Struck or hit
27 Slumbered
29 Came up
30 Low lying watery tracts of land
33 Declare
34 Curvy letter by the sound of it?
35 Pain-relieving medicines
38 Temporary camp
39 Indian wheaten flour
42 Buy __ ___ : buy without settling the bill, in a way? (2,6)
46 Out of true
47 Bring forth lambs
48 French king
49 Author of The Raven
50 Treasure Island author's monogram
51 Delicious

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	W	L	S	■	P	R	I	G	■	K	A	L
D	R	A	W	■	A	I	N	U	■	E	N	E
D	A	C	E	■	C	A	T	A	L	Y	S	T
■	P	R	A	Y	S	■	■	V	I	S	I	T
S	P	O	R	E	■	■	O	A	F	■	■	■
E	I	S	■	A	C	T	S	■	T	S	A	R
R	N	S	■	H	O	I	S	T	■	O	B	I
E	G	E	R	■	U	T	A	H	■	L	A	P
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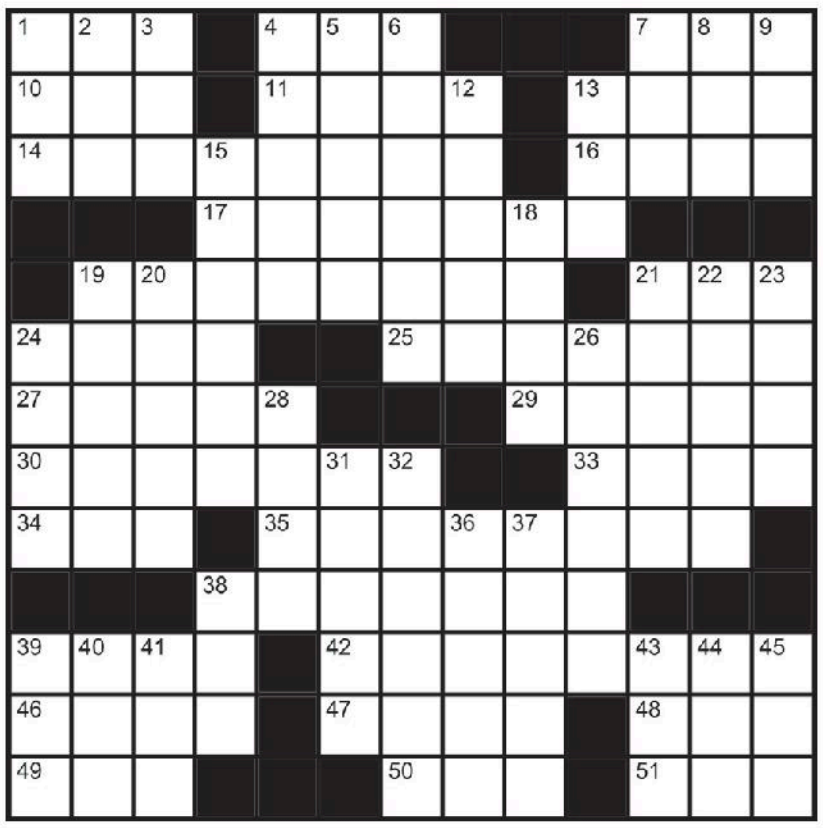
C	N	N	■	S	L	O	T	■	E	N	Y	A

DOWN
1 Capek's futuristic play
2 Literary snippets
3 Hither's partner
4 Anthropoid ape of Borneo and Sumatra
5 Tied
6 Lower-leg joints
7 A score in rugby
8 Put to work
9 Incline head slightly in agreement
12 The Muslim faith
13 Uneven
15 Economizes
18 Lamb's nom-de-plume
19 A collection or book of maps
20 Frothy ales?
21 Cooker
22 Mexican money
23 Once more
24 Indian Soc. of Mechanical Engineers
26 Hypnotic state
28 Siamese
31 Diplomatic messenger
32 Earlier or faster, in a way?
36 Concerning a Duke
37 Spin ___ : tell tales?
38 Body of water
39 Arvind Kejriwal's party
40 Pair
41 Three in Italy
43 Desiccate
44 In short, an acknowledgement of debt?
45 Timothy's petname



SUDOKU

5		2	7					
4					1		8	
	3		4			7		
				2				9
	5		3		9		7	
1				8				
		6			2		1	
	9		6					8
					4	3		6

Answer to previous puzzle

7	8	3	9	2	4	1	6	5
6	1	4	5	8	7	9	3	2
5	9	2	3	6	1	7	4	8
2	6	1	8	9	5	4	7	3
3	4	7	2	1	6	5	8	9
8	5	9	4	7	3	6	2	1
4	7	8	1	3	9	2	5	6
9	2	5	6	4	8	3	1	7
1	3	6	7	5	2	8	9	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BPNU PQ BPAU HR USUT-QMPNIPRV AHBUPKJQXJEU

- H QBPVMI XMHRVU, HRK HBB EHIIUTRQ HBIUT.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Every man serves a useful purpose: A miser, for example, makes a wonderful ancestor.

MLA GTD inaugurates vaccination drive for college students

Mysuru, July 4 (PM&SSV)- Chamaraja MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) gave health tips to students to save themselves from the dreaded Coronavirus.

Speaking after inaugurating a special vaccination drive for students, teachers and supporting staff of Government First Grade College for Women at Vijayanagar 4th Stage here yesterday, the MLA advised youths to take hot water steam, do yoga and meditation regularly to keep the pandemic at bay.

The State faced acute shortage of doctors during the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic. The shortfall of doctors could be made by if youths pursue medical course to serve the society. "I will strive to get four acre of land adjacent to your college as sports ground soon."

Dr. Appajigowda, Joint Director, Department of Collegiate Education, said the State Government has organised a special drive to inoculate all students, teachers and support staff on priority in order to re-open all colleges from next month. Teaching has taken a severe beating in the last one-and-a-half-years following the closure of all educational institutions due to outbreak of Coronavirus. To resume, offline classes, the Government has taken a decision to vaccinate all students. “You must all take vaccine compulsorily and tell your friends and relatives to get the jab to protect from the virus”.

Of total 766 persons including students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the College, 620 were administered vaccine till evening.

Dr. B.K. Satish Babu, Principal of the College and Dr. Ranjita from Department of Health and Family Welfare were present.

'Will consult voters before changing party'

Mysuru, July 4 (PM&SSV)- Ruling out joining Congress, Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) said that he will consult his voters before taking any political decision.

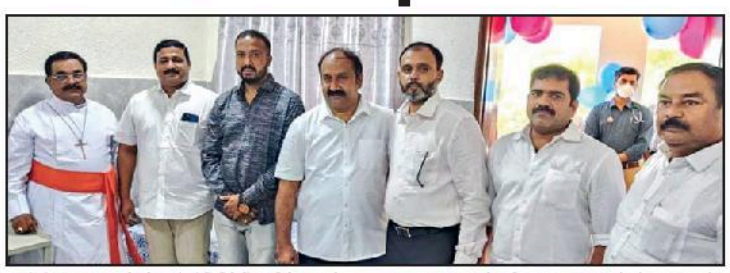
Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here yesterday, the MLA said he tasted defeat when he contested on BJP ticket in Hunsur Assembly Constituency. Such mistakes will not be repeated in future. The opinion of voters will be taken before deciding whether to join Congress or continue in JD(S).

"Still 23 months are left for the Assembly elections. It is too premature to talk anything about it at right now."

On former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy’s statement on another former CM, Siddaramaiah, GTD said people know well whom to elect and whom to reject. The voters play an important role in democracy and everyone has to abide by their decision.

On change of guard in the State, Devegowda said it was not the right time to talk about it when the State was slowly recovering from the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

Renovated OT, special wards opened



Mysuru, July 4 (SSV)- Church Of South India - Karnataka Southern Diocese Bishop Rev. Mohan Manoraj and Holdsworth Memorial Hospital Director Vincent Palanna inaugurated the renovated Operation Theatres and Special Wards at CSI Mission Hospital in city on Friday.

Palanna said since the days of Maharajas of Mysore, the CSI Hospital has been a centre of health for poor patients. The renovated four special wards and operation theatres were opened for public. Other developmental works like the Oxygen Plant and COVID Ward maintenance were going on.

Corporator Rangaswamy, Engineer Veerappa, Dileep, Guruprasad and Purvaj Vishwanath were present. The Hospital has COVID & Post COVID Clinic and non-COVID Care Clinic for the benefit of patients.

Kamakshi Hospital celebrates Founder's Day and 48th Hospital Day

The staff of Kamakshi Hospital who were felicitated during the Founder’s Day and 48th Hospital Day at the hospital premises in Kuvempunagar — (sitting from left) Nagaraju (Housekeeping staff), B. Ravi (Housekeeping staff), Kumaraswamy (Housekeeping staff), Champavathy (Nursing staff) and Sreeja (Nursing staff) — are seen with (standing from left) M. Jagannath Shenoy, M. Vishwanath Rao, Dr. K. R. Kamath (Administrator), M. Mahesh Shenoy (Managing Trustee) and M. Ashok Shenoy (Jt. Managing Trustee). Picture right shows the Consultants who were felicitated on the occasion — (sitting from left) Dr. S. Ravishankar (Physician), Dr. K.R. Nagabhushan (Orthopaedic Surgeon), Dr. C. Umesh Kamath (Medical Superintendent) and Dr. Rathnamala Iyengar (Anaesthetist).

Mysuru, July 4- Kamakshi Hospital, Kuvempunagar (a unit of Bantval Sulochana Madhava Shenoi Trust), celebrated Founder’s Day and 48th Hospital Day on June 29.

On the occasion, Consultants & Staff of Kamakshi Hospital who have served the institution with sincerity and dedication for the last 25 years were felicitated.

The programme was limited to only the Trustees and staff of the hospital keeping in mind the prevalent COVID-19 protocols.

Dignitaries who were present during the programme included M. Mahesh Shenoy (Managing Trustee), M. Ashok Shenoy (Joint Managing Trustee), Dr. K.R. Kamath (Administrator), M. Vishwanath Rao (Founder Trustee) and M. Jagannath Rao (Trustee).

Also in attendance were senior Consultants of Kamakshi Hospital, Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy (Physician) and Dr. C.G. Narasimhan (General Surgeon).

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